

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**  
**Accompanying Request for Continued Examination**  
**Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Office action, made final and mailed on December 23, 2009 in the above-identified patent application, Applicant has elected to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). As a submission required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and defined in § 1.114(c), the following amendment accompanies the present RCE. (The RCE and this amendment are being filed on March 23, 2010, and are therefore timely filed.)

**AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper, and include attached new and replacement sheets, as well as an annotated sheet indicating the change made by the replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.